Remarks/Arguments

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 1-2 were objected to because the applicant recites limitations rendering the claimed language vague and indefinite. The applicant has made appropriate substitutions in the new claims presented herein.

35 USC 102 CLAIM REJECTIONS

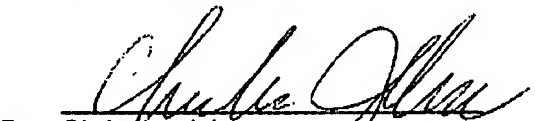
Regarding claim 1 the office action states Devin et al, discloses voltage production circuit, which includes an appliance {herein interpreted as} comprises an overload protection circuit (interpreted as the high voltage detection circuit 60) (col.4, lines 52+), which simulates an IC card (a smart card). The office action states the claimed invention does not further define the extraction means. The office action states extraction, as broadly interpreted, could occur in both contact and non-contact communications reading devices. The office action states overload of supply voltage 98 is shown in fig. # 4, (col.2, lines 49+; col.5, lines 44-55).

In response to the above, the applicant has canceled claims 1-9 and submitted new claims 10-19. The cited reference, Devin et al., US 6,621,720, discloses an apparatus which is included within a chip card, and which receives control data and a supply voltage via contactless antennas by means of a resonant circuit. The reference describes only details of the IC card as such and does not give any information about an IC card reader, in which the IC card has to be inserted. Here therefore no appliance with an IC card reader having a card presence switch is disclosed, which provides a card detect signal to a micro-controller of the appliance, when the IC is inserted into the card reader. In particular, the apparatus as shown in the reference Devin et al. is not related to mechanical contact terminals of an IC card reader, because the IC card as described operates in accordance with a wireless standard. This reference is therefore not related in any case to an overload of a supply voltage, which is

coupled via a mechanical contact terminal of an IC card reader to an IC card, when the IC card is inserted into the IC card reader. It also does not show or suggest that in case of an overload of the supply voltage a card detect signal provided by the IC card reader for a micro controller is changed for switching off the supply voltage in case of an overload, for example in case of a short. The apparatus shown by Devin is therefore far away from the appliance as described in the new claim 1.

The remaining claims in the case depend from claim 1. Since claim 1 is now believed in condition for allowance applicant respectfully submits all claims in the case are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims at an early date. A petition for extension of time is transmitted herewith along with associated fees believed due. However, if any additional fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,



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